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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before calculating the fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 23-25, 27, 28, 30, 32-34, 36-43, 45, 46, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, 65-69, and 71-73.

Please amend claims 8, 12, 15, and 17 as follows:

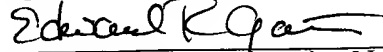
C1 8. (Amended) An expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim[s] 1 [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7] operably linked to a promoter.

C2 12. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, [2, or 3,] wherein the polypeptide, or fragment of the polypeptide, has protein synthesis induction activity.

C3 15. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, [2, or 3,] wherein the polypeptide, or fragment of the polypeptide, is immunogenic.

17. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide which binds selectively a polypeptide encoded by  
the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 [2 or 3].

Respectfully submitted,



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